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Dear Food and Drug Administration,

I am writing to express my opposition to the FDA's proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. The voluntary labeling and notification proposals are inadequate to allow me to protect my family's health and the environment. Not requiring proper disclosure and testing by all manufacturers will intentionally prevent me from knowing what is in the food my family eats and is equivalent to enrolling us in a vast safety and nutritional experiment without our consent. The proposed rule and guidance will enable manufacturers to make changes to my family's diet and environment without my knowledge or consent, and is therefore totally unacceptable and inadequate.

I support the following:

- All GE foods and food ingredients should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be safe. They should be required to be tested for safety and nutritional content prior to marketing.
- Even if GE foods are found safe for marketing in short term studies, and marketing is allowed, long-term studies should be required to demonstrate that they are safe for humans and the environment.

Sincerely,



Mark McCollom

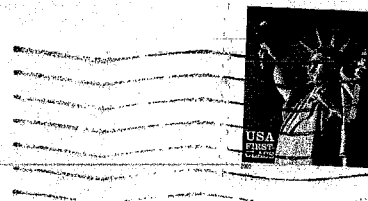
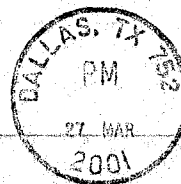
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